

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

Please add the following paragraphs at the beginning of the patent application.

--Reference To Related Applications

[0001] This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 10/126,464 filed April 18, 2002 (NT-251), and related to U.S. Patent Application entitled "Drive System for a Bi-Directional Linear Chemical Mechanical Polishing Apparatus" attorney reference 042496/0293224 filed on the same day as this application in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Ser. No. 10/126,469 filed April 18, 2002 (NT-253), all incorporated herein by reference.

[0002] This application is a continuation-in-part of and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 119/120 to the following: Serial No. 10/252,149 filed September 17, 2003 (NT-217C1) entitled "Polishing Apparatus and Method With Belt Drive System Adapted to Extend the Lifetime of a Refreshing Polishing Belt Provided Therein", which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/880,730 filed June 12, 2001 (NT-217), now U.S. Patent No. 6,464,571 entitled "Polishing Apparatus and Method With Belt Drive System Adapted to Extend the Lifetime of a Refreshing Polishing Belt Provided Therein", which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/684,059 filed October 6, 2000 (NT-002CIP) now U.S. Patent No. 6,468,139 entitled "Chemical Mechanical Polishing Apparatus and Method with Loadable Housing", which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/576,064 filed May 22, 2000 (NT-002CON) now U.S. Patent No. 6,207,575 entitled "Reverse Linear Chemical Mechanical Polisher with Loadable Housing", which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/201,928 filed December 1, 1998 (NT-002) now U.S. Patent No. 6,103,628 entitled "Reverse Linear Polisher With Loadable Housing", all incorporated herein by reference.--